

Open Space Committee
Minutes 9/24/15 meeting
approved 10/22/2015

Present: Ann LeRoyer, David White, Joey Glushko, Elizabeth Karpati, Jane Auger, John Pickle
Absent: Michele Hassler, Leslie Mayer, Teresa DeBenedictis, Elena Bartholomew

Guests: David Fields and Kelsey Cowen

Open Spaces Interactive Application:

Presentation by David Fields on Open Spaces interactive website with a demo of the site and request for additional photos and descriptive information.

Meeting:

The official meeting was called to order at 8:10pm.

Minutes of June meeting approved; no meeting held in July; August notes from Ann were reviewed.

Connecting Arlington's Open Spaces:

Kelsey Cowen, community planning Conservation Commission volunteer project on connecting open spaces and conservation lands in Arlington similar to ACROSS Lexington and Walking the Open Spaces of Arlington. Discussed development of walking paths through the conservation lands and open spaces.

Discussed the need for shorter walks; ease of walking; goals/destinations of walks; points of interest along the way; accessibility from bikeway and roadways.

Discussed developing a prototype walk, perhaps in Spy Pond area, bikeway, and the southeast corner of East Arlington. Kelsey will develop a project proposal.

Picture Post Project:

John Pickle described the picture post project and suggested we could incorporate them into the walks eventually. <http://www.picturepost.unh.edu>

Town Day Report 9/12/15:

Ann, David, Jane, John were at the committee booth. Many visitors stopped by the booth. As usual, people were most interested in getting a town map like the one last printed in 2002.

Open Spaces and Recreation Plan (2015-2022):

Final complete hard copy has been sent to the State; we are waiting for approval letter. Will then print and distribute 15 copies.

Water Chestnut harvesting in the Reservoir: MyRWA is continuing hand harvesting of invasive water chestnuts from canoes. A corporate partnership initiative allows businesses to participate as a team building exercise. <http://mysticriver.org/water-chestnuts/>

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm

Next meetings Oct 22, November 12, December 10

Submitted by Jane Auger